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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Linda L. Schirmer** (NA00195853) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used a patient's personal property and benefited from the use without compensating the patient. She also solicited and accepted money from the patient.

Chelan County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against the certification of certified nursing assistant **Kimberlee A. Gordon** (NC10090930).

Clark County

In February 2009 the Athletic Trainer Program granted the application of **Brian Keith Apling** (A160045710) and placed his license on probation for one year. He was convicted of assault – domestic violence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In February 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Erica L. Elliott** (PH00051605) with unprofessional conduct. Her license to practice as a pharmacist in Oregon was restricted.

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In February 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **Robert W. Goodwin** (MD00018228) from conditions on his license. Dr. Goodwin's license is unrestricted in Washington.

Clallam County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Christina E. Olds** (NA00163513) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly shook and yelled at a patient and failed to respond to department inquiries regarding the allegations.

Island County

In February 2009 the Dental Commission reinstated the license of dentist **Geoffrey H. Anderson** (DE00006658).

King County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Rexilda A. Aguila** (NA00199045) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took a patient's checkbook and filled out a check to herself for \$1300. She allegedly cashed the check and used the funds for her own use.

In February 2009 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **Mark Caggiano** (DE00006697). He failed to keep adequate records of patient treatments, failed to use a minimal language skills interpreter when requested by the patient, and failed to document consent for treatments. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In February 2009 the Dental Commission reinstated the license of dentist **Patrick Alan Robinson** (DE00005314).

In February 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Douglas L. Rosser** (PH00009962) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly filled prescriptions for controlled substances that were written by and self-prescribed by a patient.

In February 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional and Registered Counselor Programs placed the license and registration of **Richard T. Sirota** (CP00002204, RC00008907) on probation for one year. He kept payments for individual treatments to patients who were also in the hospital program he conducted. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license and registration.

In February 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Kevin Sloan** (MD00029132) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly prescribed narcotic pain medications inappropriately.

In February 2009 the Dental Commission terminated the order of probation against the license of dentist **John Lee Starks** (DE00005377).

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Kitsap County

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Jason S. Honsowetz** (RC60068635) and placed his registration on probation for one year. He was convicted of attempted violation of the uniform controlled substance act, and possession of methamphetamine on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In February 2009 the Massage Therapy Program granted the application of **Chance C. Shurwin** (MA60043057) and placed his license on probation for two years. He was convicted of theft, delivery of marijuana, and minor in possession of alcohol. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Lewis County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Christopher A. Snipes** (NA00197309, NC60011652) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly tested positive for controlled substances during a urinalysis.

Okanogan County

In January 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Rory J. Smallwood** (NA60036182). He was convicted of ~~felony~~ theft.

Skamania County

In January 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application for credential reactivation of **Rikki R. Chamberlin** (NA00116212). She was convicted of driving under the influence and assault – domestic violence on more than one occasion.

Snohomish County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Merline E. Olorunishola** (NA00124323).

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Linda S. Silence** (NA00150036) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her registration.

Spokane County

In February 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician assistant **Steven M. Featherkile** (PA10003559) with unprofessional conduct. The unprofessional conduct consisted of Mr. Featherkile having his license to practice as an osteopathic physician assistant disciplined by the Osteopathic Board.

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In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Jared D. Langton** (RC60002155) and placed conditions against his registration. He was convicted of possession of stolen property on more than one occasion, trafficking in stolen property, burglary, and possession of a controlled substance on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Heather Moreau** (NA00114963).

Whatcom County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Tracy Lynn Lorenz** (NA00095142) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft.

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Rachel L. Stewart** (NA00197082) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft and possession of stolen property.

Yakima County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Alfonso Meza, III** (NA00062451).

Out of State

Florida: In January 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **Aleixo M.D.P. Viegas** (MD00041689) from conditions on his license. Dr. Viegas's license is unrestricted in Washington.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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Visit the Washington Department of Health Web site at <http://www.doh.wa.gov> for a healthy dose of information.